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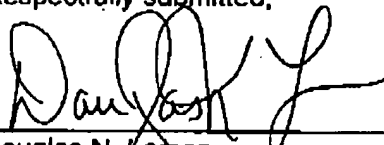
Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2005 and having a shortened one-month response period. Invention Groups I through XVII are subject to a restriction requirement for allegedly claiming more than one distinct invention.

In response, Invention Group I is hereby elected without traverse for further prosecution in this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1853. Should such additional fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

Respectfully submitted,


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